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SUBJECT: HABYARIMANA WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND MEETING WITH

A/S MOOSE

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2. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA MADE A PRIVATE WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON OCTOBER 7-9 TO THANK THE U.S. FOR ITS ASSISTANCE IN THE RWANDAN PEACE PROCESS AND TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE ACCORDS AND HELP WITH THE COUNTRY'S STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS. HABYARIMANA MET WITH THE SECRETARY (SEPTEL), AF A/S MOOSE, DOD USD(P) WISNER (SEPTEL), AND USAID ACTING DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR MICHEL (SEPTEL), AND ALSO SAW THE WORLD BANK AND THE IMF. A/S MOOSE CONGRATULATED HABYARIMANA FOR THE PEACE ACCORD AND ASSURED THE PRESIDENT OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT AND A/S MOOSE AGREED ON THE NEED FOR RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF UN PEACEKEEPERS, AND HABYARIMANA REITERATED HIS DESIRE FOR FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN THE UN FORCE. THE PRESIDENT REVIEWED THE STATUS OF THE REFUGEE REPATRIATION PROGRAM. HABYARIMANA NOTED THAT HE HAD MET BRIEFLY WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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PEACE PROCESS AND PEACEKEEPERS PR

3. HABYARIMANA MET WITH A/S MOOSE ON OCTOBER 8, ACCCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF PLAN NGIRABATWARE, AMBASSADOR UWIMANA, AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISERS JEAN-MARIE MVULIRENANDE AND MONIQUE MUKAMANZI. AF/C DIRECTOR ARLENE RENDER AND RWANDA DESKOFF KEVIN AISTON ALSO ATTENDED. HABYARIMANA THANKED THE U.S. FOR ASSISTING IN THE PEACE TALKS AND ASKED FOR OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE ACCORDS, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE WITH DEMOBILIZATION, RESETTLEMENT OF THE DISPLACED, AND REFUGEE REPATRIATION. A/S MOOSE CONGRATULATED THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT FOR REACHING A PEACE ACCORD AFTER LENGTHY AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID WE WERE HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE. HE ADDED THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE PEACE ACCORDS ARE ONLY A BEGINNING AND THAT MUCH WORK LIES AHEAD. MOOSE ASSURED HABYARIMANA OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND NOTED THAT HE HAD JUST MET WITH BURUNDI PRESIDENT NDADAYE, WHO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUCCESS OF THE PEACE PROCESS TO REGIONAL STABILITY.

4. MOOSE POINTED TO OUR RECENT VOTE IN FAVOR OF A UN PEACEKEEPING MISSION AND EXPRESSED OUR SUPPORT FOR RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF PEACEKEEPERS. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN AT LENGTH WITH GENERAL DALLAIRE AND WAS VERY IMPRESSED

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WITH BOTH HIS EXPERIENCE AND HIS RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING RWANDA'S PEACEKEEPING NEEDS. HABYARIMANA ASSURED A/S MOOSE THAT BOTH SIDES ARE COMMITTED TO THE PEACE PROCESS AND HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF PEACEKEEPERS WOULD ARRIVE SOON, PERHAPS WITHIN ONE OR TWO MONTHS. HE REVIEWED THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH MAY BE CONTRIBUTING TROOPS (BELGIUM, EGYPT, TUNISIA, MOROCCO, ALGERIA) AND REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT FRANCE WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE TO BALANCE OUT THE BELGIAN PRESENCE. HABYARIMANA SAID THAT HE IS TRYING TO PERSUADE THE RPF THAT A CONTINUED FRENCH PRESENCE IS ACCEPTABLE, AS LONG AS THE FORCE IS UNDER UN COMMAND.

REFUGEES

5. TURNING TO THE REFUGEE PROBLEM, HABYARIMANA SAID THAT THE UNHCR SHOULD BE PUSHING FOR A ROUND TABLE TO RAISE FUNDS NOW THAT THE PEACE ACCORDS ARE SIGNED. HE ADDED THAT UNHCR SHOULD CONSULT WITH RWANDA'S NEIGHBORS AND TAKE AN INVENTORY OF THE WHOLE REGION TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE NEEDED TO RESOLVE THE REGIONAL REFUGEE PROBLEM. HABYARIMANA CONFIRMED THAT THE GOR. IS NOW ISSUING PASSPORTS TO ALL RWANDAN REFUGEES WHO WANT THEM. HOWEVER, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS DID NOT ADDRESS THE REAL PROBLEM, WHICH IS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE REFUGEES SO THEY CAN RETURN AND SUCCESSFULLY RESETTLE IN RWANDA. HE ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAD MET WITH THE BURUNDI PRESIDENT THE PREVIOUS EVENING AND BOTH SIDES REAFFIRMED THE REFUGEES' RIGHT TO RETURN OR TO SETTLE PERMANENTLY IN THE HOST COUNTRY. A/S MOOSE INFORMED

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HABYARIMANA THAT HE HAD MET WITH THE UNHCR REP FOR AFRICA WHILE IN TOKYO AND DISCUSSED THE NEED TO ASSIST IN RAPID REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT OF THE LARGE REGIONAL REFUGEE POPULATION.

STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT

6. HABYARIMANA REVIEWED THE DIFFICULTIES RWANDA HAS EXPERIENCED MEETING THE CONDITIONS OF ITS STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM AND NOTED THE SERIOUS FOREIGN CURRENCY

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SHORTAGE FACED BY THE COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT THE IMF AND WORLD BANK WOULD BE SENDING A DELEGATION TO KIGALI TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE UNDER THE CURRENT SAP AND BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT SAP. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE BANK AND FUND WOULD SIMPLY "DECIDE BY COMPUTER" WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE UNIQUE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS FACED BY RWANDA. A/S MOOSE SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD WORLD BANK VP JAYCOX IN TOKYO THAT RWANDA NEEDED SPECIAL HELP AND HE FOUND THAT JAYCOX HAD A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF RWANDA'S UNIQUE PROBLEMS. HE ASSURED THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BANK AND URGED HABYARIMANA TO KEEP US INFORMED ON RWANDA'S TALKS WITH THE BANK AND THE FUND.

ATN AND RWANDATEL

7. HABYARIMANA EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN RWANDA AND NOTED THAT HE HAD TALKED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHILE IN THE

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U.S., INCLUDING KEVIN CALLWOOD OF ATLANTIC TELE-NETWORK (ATN). A/S MOOSE SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT ATN WAS INTERESTED IN INVESTING IN RWANDATEL, THE COUNTRY'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM. HE NOTED THAT AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE A SPECIAL EXPERTISE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SAID THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE GOR WOULD GIVE ATN'S BID APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

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